



State Medical Assistance and Services Advisory Council

225 E. 16th Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
February 27, 2013
6:00pm – 7:45pm
MINUTES

ATTENDING:

Council Present: Andrew Davis (via phone), Scott Ellis (via phone), Rebecca Lefebvre, Dennis Lewis, Theresa McCoy, Blaine Olsen, Peter McNally, Mark Thrun, Victoria Vowel

Council Absent: Robert Bremer, Nancy Stokes, Louise Vail

HCPF Representatives: Judy Zerzan, Patricia Connally

CDPHE Representative: Steve Holloway

HCPF Presenters: MaryKathryn Hurd, Lorez Meinhold

Guests: Craig Gurule, Analicia Baer, Michelle Matthewson

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m.

January minutes were approved

Legislative Update

MaryKathryn Hurd presented an update of HCPF's legislative agenda.

SB13-44 Contract with Rocky Mountain Health Plan-incentive payments tied to federal match. Bill moved through Senate and House hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

HB13-1199 Correction to Nursing Facilities statute. Bill moved through the house and headed to the Senate.

HB13-1068 On-site Inspections Of Medicaid Providers. Bill moved through the house and headed to the Senate.

Medicaid Expansion bill has been drafted and is to be introduced in the next week or so. The bill has real significant support and as yet no organized opposition has come forth.

New Council Member

Rebecca Lefebvre was introduced as the council member appointed to represent nurses. Rebecca is a Nurse Care Manager and Consultant and is President and CEO of AlignCare.

Marketing

Federal law (The Role of State Medical Advisory Committees in Medicaid (Title XIX)) states the committee review marketing materials. §431.12

Craig Gurule and Analicia Baer of Denver Health and Hospital Authority (DHHA) presented to the council a marketing brochure (Baby's First Year) for Denver Health

Medicaid Choice members. The brochure provided incentives/benefits for members who would bring their babies in for specifically timed visits (2 week, 2 month, 4 month, 6 month, 9 month and one year). Council members speculated whether this was an inducement. The program is for DHHA's managed care plan and is not a capitated program and thus, will not apply to DHHA's fee for service population. The Council supports the program.

Medicaid Expansion Bill

Lorez Meinhold presented on the Medicaid Expansion Bill. In January it was announced that Colorado would move forward (along with 24 other states) with Medicaid expansion included in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The bill would increase the eligibility for those who earn 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to include those who earn up to 133% of the FPL. This means that coverage will be available to an additional 160,000 people. Money in the hospital provider fee fund will be used to fund the expansion along with federal matching funds. Parents and caretakers of children will benefit in that they will go from 61% of the FPL to 133%. The other group that will benefit from this legislation are adults without dependent children.

To date there is no organized opposition to the expansion bill and it is being scheduled for hearing in March. Providers, patients, hospitals and advocates are preparing to testify before the house and senate in support of the bill.

The Medicaid Buy-in programs are already existing and not part of the expansion. Purported benefits of the expansion are saved lives and 22,000 additional jobs in Colorado.

Eligibility ACA Timelines

Lorez Meinhold presented on the ACA Timeline. CMS approved HCPF's Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD). The approval provides HCPF with enhanced federal funding (90% federal match). The enhanced funding will be used to implement modernization of HCPF's eligibility determination/enrollment systems and correspondence. Modernization involves establishing interfaces for computer systems to share data /information between agencies, streamlining and simplifying the application process (including accepting applications over the phone) and supporting real time screening. Systems are scheduled to interface in October of 2013 and the department is striving to come up with a system that is more customer friendly. There will be one application for Colorado Health Benefit Exchange (COHBE), now known as Connect for Health Colorado, and it will interface with the online application Program and Eligibility Application Kit (PEAK). The modernization will also entail changes to Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS).

HCPF is working with stakeholders and counties to develop and redesign systems correspondence and processes. Feedback is being accepted through the end of March.

Essential Health Benefits

Lorez Meinhold presented on Essential Health Benefits. States are trying to deal with new issues surrounding eligibility. Specifically how to minimize disruption of coverage to clients moving between programs (Medicaid and the exchange: Connect for Health Colorado). What is being looked at includes: (1) what are subsidy needs (2) how to manage benefit design (3)

continuity of coverage and (4) AWDC. Dental cannot be offered as embedded in the benefits because dental involves different decision-makers.

Round Robin

McNally: March is colon cancer awareness-month. Colon Cancer Coalition (doctors performing charitable work) performed 200 screenings last year. Volunteer doctors at hospitals help absorb the cost.

Zerzan:

1. Patient and family engagement grant has been submitted.
2. AMQM grant: applications to be released by end of month. There is \$800,000 to give away for depression, diabetes, partnered with RCCO and how to make sustainable. One year grant with option for 2nd year.
3. Attribution—connect patient to right practices. View claims history
 - a. Attribution before per member per month
 - b. Look at claims history
 - c. Or AWDC automatically assigned to RCCO

Provider community divided on how to get people into practices.

Topics of interest for future meetings:

Governor's State of Health Report

Collaboration between Medicaid providers and Public Health/Local Health

Access to Subspecialists

How the expansion will affect Primary Care Physicians

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.